

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action of December 5, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-10, 12-15, 17, 18, and 21-23 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1, 5, 11, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Bantz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,405).

Claims 2, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bantz et al. in view of Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,088,674).

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bantz et al. in view of Shimura (U.S. Patent No. 5,175,799).

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bantz et al. in view of Hon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,490,563).

Claims 6-10, 13-15, and 18-20 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

The Claims Are Now in Condition For Allowance

Claim 6, previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form including, in the alternative, subject matter from claim 7 which was also indicated as containing allowable subject matter. With this amendment, it is submitted that **claim 6 and claims 2, 3, and 21 dependent therefrom** are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 9, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form with minor editorial revisions. Because claim 9 was previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter, it is submitted that **claim 9 and claims 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 dependent therefrom** are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 13, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form including subject matter from claims 9 and 15 which were also indicated as containing allowable subject matter set forth in the

alternative. Accordingly, it is submitted that **claim 13 and claim 22 dependent therefrom** are now in condition for allowance.

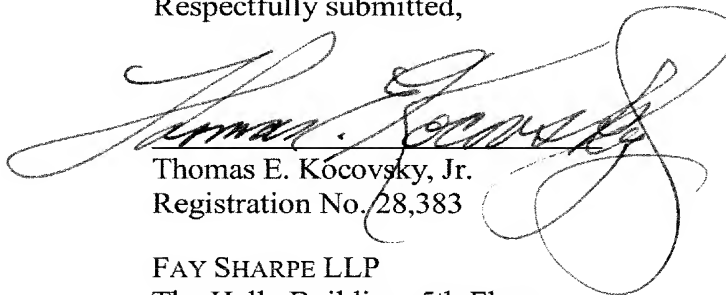
Claim 14, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form including, in the alternative, selected language from claim 15 which was also indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is submitted that **claim 14 and claims 12 and 15 dependent therefrom** are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 18, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form including, in the alternative, the subject matter of claims 19 and 20 which were also indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The preamble has been amended to set forth a computer readable medium. Accordingly, it is submitted that **claim 18 and claims 17 and 23 dependent therefrom** are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Because all claims have now been amended to incorporate subject matter indicated as allowable in the prior Office Action, it is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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